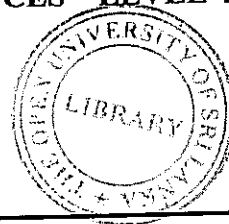


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DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS



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Date: 18th October 2009

Time: 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Answer five (05) questions only. Each question carries 20 marks.

1. Discuss the barriers that exist in Sri Lanka for the public to access health care.
2. "Health development cannot and should not be separated from general economic development". Examine this statement.
3. Discuss the case for and against the role of government in the provision of health care.
4. "The most useful economic evaluation for the health sector is Cost-Effectiveness Analysis (CEA)". Discuss this statement.
5. "Health care services are financed by various channels"
 - a. Discuss the major sources of financing health care
 - b. Explain in what ways the Presidential task force has promoted the private sector health care in Sri Lanka
6. Explain the functions and the benefits of National Formulary Committee (NFC).
7. Discuss the role of information for planning in the health care services.
8. Malnutrition is one of the major public health problems that exist among vulnerable groups. Discuss the program launched by the Nutrition Division of the Janasaviya Trust Fund (JTF).
9. Write brief notes on **any four (04)** of the following:
 - a. Supply of health care
 - b. Health care as a merit good
 - c. Moral Hazard and over consumption of health care services.
 - d. Economic efficiency
 - e. Health insurance
 - f. Essential Clinical Services